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EUROPEAN COMMITTEE ON CRIME PROBLEMS
(CDPC)

**DRAFT OPINION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMITTEE ON CRIME PROBLEMS (CDPC)
ON PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATION 1983 (2011) ON
ABUSE OF STATE SECRECY AND NATIONAL SECURITY AS OBSTACLES TO
PARLIAMENTARY AND JUDICIAL SCRUTINY OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS**

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Draft Opinion on Parliamentary Assembly of Recommendation 1983 (2011)

1. Following the adoption by the Parliamentary Assembly of Recommendation 1983 (2011) on abuse of state secrecy and national security as obstacles to parliamentary and judicial scrutiny of human rights violations, the Committee of Ministers decided to send it to the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC) for information and possible comments. The CDPC recognises the value of the above recommendation which covers many multi-disciplinary aspects, including criminal law issues on violations of human rights.
2. The CDPC takes note, in particular, of the Parliamentary Assembly's initiative to call for the adoption of a recommendation on the notion of a state secrecy and the use to be made of it. In this regard, the CDPC, considering the interdisciplinary implications of this issue and the significant complex issues related to criminal law (both from a substantial and a procedural point of view), expressed its readiness, if necessary and if requested to do so, to contribute to future activities on this topic by making available its expertise in the criminal law field.